will meet the challenge of Satellite telecast of foreign T.V. network;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if nor, details of steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (e). Expansion of the Electronic Media is being carried out in a phased manner depending upon availability of adequate resources and *inter-se* priorities. It is the constant endeavour of AIR/Doordarshan to bring about qualitative improvement of programme content and format aslo as to sustain the interest of listeners/viewars, particularly to counter broadcasts/telecasts *via* foreign Satellites.

Performances of D.A.V.P.

6233. SHRI RABI BAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be please to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to streamline and improve the performance of the Directorate of advertising and Visual Publicity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have proposal of upgrading the professional skills of the directorate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Streamlining and improving the performance of all the media units including D.A.V.P. is an ongoing process.

(c) and (d). The personnel working in the various media units including D.A.V.P. are exposed to training Schemes, Workshops, Seminars etc. to improve their professional skills.

Iron ore Pelletisation in Karnataka

6234. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sent any proposal for approval of the Union Government for the setting up of an iron ore pelletisation unit at Hospet;

(b) if so, the capacity of the proposed plant; and

(c) the time by which the approval in likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No such proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Seepage and Water-Logging by Ganga, Bhakra and Indra Gandhi Canal

6235. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ganga, Bhakra and the Indra Gandhi Canals have caused excessive seepage and water logging at various places;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) its impact of ecological balances and agricultural production; and